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POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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SUBJECT: Nearpara Rubber Co., Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

POLREP : Three (3)

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	BZ
Delivery Order No.:	2001-02-016
Response Authority:	CERCLA
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
State Notification:	Yes
Action Memorandum:	Approved 9/93
Start Date:	10/14/93
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

The Nearpara Rubber Inc. facility is an inactive recycling/ production facility, located in a heavily industrialized area on East State Street Ext. in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey. The site was formerly a tire, rubber and latex recycling facility which produced rubber and latex products from recycled materials. At the request of local fire officials, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a joint site inspection with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE) and the local fire officials. The EPA and its Technical Assistance Team (TAT) conducted a follow-up site assessment to determine chemical hazards present at the site. The site assessment revealed drums of unknown liquids and solids, laboratory chemicals, above and below ground tanks of unknown

contents, underground sumps and potentially PCB-containing transformers. (Refer to POLREP #1 for more detailed site information.)

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Planned Removal Actions

The Nearpara Rubber site removal action will be divided into two phases. Phase 1 will consist of stabilizing, identifying and quantifying all waste materials on site. Phase 2 will include the transportation and proper disposal of the hazardous materials located on site.

B. Situation

1. Current Situation

The site is a 3.7-acre abandoned rubber recycling facility. It operated from 1947 until February 1993. A site assessment was conducted which determined the potential hazards present at the site. The Emergency Response Cleanup Services (ERCS) contractor mobilized to site on 10/25/93. Currently, site organization and setup is in progress. Installation of perimeter fencing has been completed for securing the site and restricting public access to the materials present at the site. Site security has been initiated and will continue throughout the duration of the removal action.

2. Removal Actions to Date

Drums and containers, located throughout the site, are being restaged into the warehouse building for inventorying, sampling and field testing to determine compatibility classes for segregation. Once drums and pails have been field tested and segregated based on compatibility groups, bulking samples will be composited and sent for laboratory analysis for determining method of disposal. Laboratory chemicals have been removed from the laboratory, staged in the warehouse, and segregated for inventorying. Miscellaneous smaller containers scattered about the site, have been gathered and segregated along with the laboratory chemicals in the warehouse. Eight underground sumps were located and sampled for field testing. Air monitoring of buildings have been performed during drum relocation and sampling operations with no readings above background being detected.

3. Enforcement

Information regarding potentially responsible parties (PRP) from label information and site records will be reviewed. The information will be used to determine potential enforcement actions.

C. **Next Steps**

Activities discussed under Removal Actions To Date will continue.

Further surveying is ongoing. Asbestos-containing piping insulation has been located throughout parts of the process building. Sampling and verification of asbestos content will be conducted through laboratory analysis. Transformers have been located and will be sampled and tested for PCB content. Above and below ground tanks remain to be sampled for characterization. Process vessels will be investigated further to determine if further sampling needs to be addressed.

D. **Key Issues**

None.

V. **Cost Information (Up to 11/12/93)**

	Cost To Date
EPA costs:	$ 10,000
ERCS costs:	$ 60,600
TAT costs:	$ 9,000
TOTAL Costs to Date:	$ 79,600

Note:

All costs listed are approximate and should be used for estimates only.